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OF THE

S T A T E L I B R A R I A N ,

RELATIVE TO

The Augmentation of the Library.

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The joint committee on the Library, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Librarian for the year 1844, and find that the appropriation of \$500, for the augmentation of the Library, has been fairly and judiciously disbursed.

They have also, examined his vouchers for the purchase of stationery for the use of the several departments, and find them to be correct, and have signed an order in the usual form, directing the payment thereof by the committee on Claims.

The report of the Librarian containing some suggestions deemed worthy of consideration, the committee have thought it expedient, to present it to the two Houses, and recommend that it be printed for the information of the members.

FRANCIS P. PHELPS,

Chairman of the Senate Committee.

J. JOHNSON, Chairman of the
House Committee.

To the Honorable,

The Joint Committee on the Library,

The undersigned has the honor to submit, as his annual report, the following:

Of the appropriation of last year, there remained in the Treasury a balance of,	\$5 58½
Amount of annual appropriation,	500 00

Making the sum of,

\$505 58½

Which has been expended, as follows:

To J. Hughes, for 6 vols. of Niles' Register,	\$21 00
To Mr. Hovey, for 9 vols. Horticultural Magazine,	22 00
To Mr. Hickman, for Books,	75 48
To subscription to Repertory,	6 00
To subscription to Law Library,	10 00
To Wm. H. Tuck, Esq., for books,	11 00
To Mr. Hickman, for books,	40 21
To J. Hughes, for Register,	7 00
To Bartlett & Welford, for books,	190 14½
For Law books,	70 50
For Law books,	52 25
	\$505 58½

During the year, copies of the volumes of Bland's Chancery Reports, have been sold for,

12 00

To which add, balance for the sale of books, for the year 1843.

107 50½

Making,

\$119 50½

Of which sum, there has been expended the following:

For one Penknife, No. 1,	\$2 25
" Freight, No. 2,	4 38½
" Repairs, No. 3,	75
" Wafers, No. 4,	1 50
" Set of Hughes' Almanacs, No. 5,	1 00
" 12 papers of Sand, No. 6,	75
" Neutral Trench, No. 7,	1 00
" Chart of Time, No. 8,	3 00
To Bartlett & Welford, No. 9,	9 00
To Matthew Graves, No. 10,	5 00
	\$28 65½
Balance on hand,	90 85

Carried forward.

Brought Forward,

Under a resolution of the joint Committee, I have disposed of to Messrs. Cushing & Brothers, at the rate of \$5 per volume, 51 vols. of Maryland Reports. In part payment, the following books have been received,

255 00

Watts & Sergeants Reports, 4 vols.	\$25 00
Hayward's Reports, 1 vol.,	5 50
Mills' Reports, 1 vol.,	6 00
Con. Eng. Ch. Rep., 1 vol.,	4 50
Mill's Reports, 2 vols.,	10 00
Barbour's Ch. Practice, 1 vol.,	5 50
Lomax's Digest, 3 vols.,	15 00
Lomax on Executors, 2 vols.,	12 00
Hill's Reports, 1 vol.,	7 00
Paige's Reports, 1 vol.,	7 00
Edward's Reports, 1 vol.,	6 50
Ware's Reports,	5 00
Yerger's Reports, 9 vols.,	54 00
Meigs' Reports 1 vol.,	6 00
Howard's Reports, 1 vol.,	4 50
Story on Contracts,	4 50
Duer on Insurance,	3 00
Life of Henry Clay,	1 25
Nelsonian Reminiscences,	75
Authen's Classical Dictionary,	5 00

199 50

Balance due the Library, to be accounted for in books,

55 50

Under the last mentioned resolution, there have also been disposed of, at \$5. per vol., to Messrs. T. & J. W. Johnson, 7 vols., of Maryland Reports, and have received in exchange therefor,

Howard's Reports, 1 vol.,	\$4 80
Watts' Reports, 10 vols.,	60 00

\$64 80

Leaving a balance against the Library, to be paid for in Maryland Reports of,

\$29 00

Resolutions requiring the Librarian to transmit copies of "Dorsey Laws," "Bozman's History of Maryland," and other works, to different Library institutions in the several counties; to supply the Clerk of the Court of Howard District with the "Maryland Reports"—to have the furnace under the Library repaired—and to note in "Dorsey's Compilation," under the appropriate title and page, each and every alteration and amendment, which shall be made in the laws at each session, have severally been complied with.

In obedience to a resolution of the Legislature, passed in 1837, certain Papers and Documents, relating to the early history of the State were purchased of the Executors of Horace Ridout—they were not fully examined by any one competent to form a proper estimate of their importance, until these distinguished scholars and historians, Messrs. Bankroft and Sparke, came to Annapolis, and perused, and by the permission of the Legislature previously obtained, made full extracts from them. These gentlemen concurred in the opinion, as to their great value, and pronounced them to be of far more interest, than any papers connected with our early history, to be found in the archives of any of the States. Among these papers it is thought, that the primary cause of our Revolutionary struggle may be discovered. Beside the secret correspondence of the agents of Great Britain, whose conduct was the subject of complaint and resistance, they disclose the true motives for the course pursued by the mother country, and of its colonial Governors. Many matters which otherwise are inexplicable, are by them fully exhibited in their proper light. As the hand of time, and bad usage, have borne heavily upon them, and as there is every probability, that these records will, before a great lapse of time, be wholly obliterated, unless some measures are taken for their preservation, it is most respectfully suggested to the honorable Committee, whether some steps ought not to be taken, to collate and preserve them—so rare and precious a record, of the most important era in the history of our State and country, ought not, it would seem to me, to be allowed to be lost, when by the adoption of timely measures, and at a small cost, it can so easily be preserved and perpetuated. The increase of the Library during the past year, has been 664 volumes. The last catalogue was printed in 1837; since then, the number of books added to the Library is very nearly five thousand, which, inculcates the necessity of authorising a new catalogue to be prepared.

I have the honor to be,

The Committees ob't serv't.

JNO. H. T. MAGRUDER,

State Librarian

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